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9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

11 ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER,
12 INC., a non-profit California corporation,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 MAXIMUM HUMAN PERFORMANCE,
16 LLC dba MUSCLEMEDS, MUSCLEMEDS
17 PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGIES, AND
18 MUSCLEMEDS, INC., a Delaware limited
19 liability company,

20 Defendant.

Case No. **RG17084567**

**COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE
RELIEF AND CIVIL PENALTIES**

Health & Safety Code §25249.5, *et seq.*

21 Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("PLAINTIFF" or "ERC") brings this
22 action in the interests of the general public and, on information and belief, hereby alleges:

23 **INTRODUCTION**

24 1. This action seeks to remedy the continuing failure of Defendant MAXIMUM
25 HUMAN PERFORMANCE, LLC dba MUSCLEMEDS, MUSCLEMEDS PERFORMANCE
26 TECHNOLOGIES, AND MUSCLEMEDS, INC ("MUSCLEMEDS" or "DEFENDANT") to

1 warn consumers in California that they are being exposed to lead and/or cadmium, substances
2 known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

3 DEFENDANT manufactures, packages, distributes, markets, and/or sells in California certain
4 products containing lead and/or cadmium (collectively, the "PRODUCTS"):

- 5 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Carnivor Shred Hydrolyzed Protein
6 Chocolate (lead)
- 7 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Methyl Arimatest (lead)
 - 8 a. MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Methyl Arimatest Formula 1
 - 9 b. MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Methyl Arimatest Formula 2
- 10 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor
11 Mass Chocolate Macaroon (lead)
- 12 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor
13 Mass Chocolate Peanut Butter (lead, cadmium)
- 14 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor
15 Mass Vanilla Caramel (lead)
- 16 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor
17 Mass Chocolate Fudge (lead)
- 18 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Bioengineered Beef Protein Isolate
19 Carnivor Chocolate (lead)
- 20 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor
21 Mass Strawberry (lead)
- 22 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Bioengineered Beef Protein Isolate
23 Carnivor Chocolate Mint (lead)
- 24 • MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Bioengineered Beef Protein Isolate
25 Carnivor Chocolate Peanut Butter (lead)

1 2. Lead and cadmium (hereinafter, the "LISTED CHEMICALS") are substances
2 known to the State¹ of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

3 3. The use and/or handling of the PRODUCTS causes exposures to the LISTED
4 CHEMICALS at levels requiring a "clear and reasonable warning" under California's Safe
5 Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code ("H&S Code")
6 §25249.5, *et seq.* (also known as "Proposition 65"). DEFENDANT has failed to provide the
7 health hazard warnings required by Proposition 65.

8 4. DEFENDANT's past sales and continued manufacturing, packaging,
9 distributing, marketing, and/or sales of the PRODUCTS without the required health hazard
10 warnings, causes or threatens to cause individuals to be involuntarily and unwittingly exposed
11 to levels of the LISTED CHEMICALS that violate or threaten to violate Proposition 65.

12 5. PLAINTIFF seeks injunctive relief enjoining DEFENDANT from the continued
13 manufacturing, packaging, distributing, marketing, and/or sales of the PRODUCTS in
14 California without provision of clear and reasonable warnings regarding the risks of cancer,
15 birth defects, and other reproductive harm posed by exposure to the LISTED CHEMICALS
16 through the use and/or handling of the PRODUCTS. PLAINTIFF seeks an injunctive order
17 compelling DEFENDANT to bring its business practices into compliance with Proposition 65
18 by providing a clear and reasonable warning to each individual who has been and who in the
19 future may be exposed to the LISTED CHEMICALS from the use of the PRODUCTS.
20 PLAINTIFF also seeks an order compelling DEFENDANT to identify and locate each
21 individual person who in the past has purchased the PRODUCTS, and to provide to each such
22 purchaser a clear and reasonable warning that the use of the PRODUCTS will cause exposures
23 to the LISTED CHEMICALS.

24 6. In addition to injunctive relief, PLAINTIFF seeks an assessment of civil
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¹ All statutory and regulatory references herein are to California law, unless otherwise specified.

1 penalties up to the maximum civil penalty of \$2,500 per day per exposure authorized by
2 Proposition 65 to remedy DEFENDANT's failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings
3 regarding exposures to the LISTED CHEMICALS.

4 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5 7. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Constitution
6 Article VI, Section 10, which grants the Superior Court "original jurisdiction in all causes
7 except those given by statute to other trial courts." The statute under which this action is
8 brought does not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.

9 8. This Court has jurisdiction over DEFENDANT because, based on information
10 and belief, DEFENDANT is a business having sufficient minimum contacts with California, or
11 otherwise intentionally availing itself of the California market through the distribution and sale
12 of the PRODUCTS in the State of California, to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by
13 the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

14 9. Venue in this action is proper in the Alameda Superior Court because the
15 DEFENDANT has violated or threatens to violate California law in the County of Alameda.

16 10. On April 28, 2017 and May 26, 2017, PLAINTIFF sent 60-Day Notices of
17 Proposition 65 Violations ("Notices") to the requisite public enforcement agencies and to
18 DEFENDANT. The Notices were issued pursuant to, and in compliance with, the
19 requirements of H&S Code §25249.7(d) and the statute's implementing regulations regarding
20 the notice of the violations to be given to certain public enforcement agencies and to the
21 violators. The Notices included, *inter alia*, the following information: the name, address, and
22 telephone number of the noticing individuals; the name of the alleged violator; the statute
23 violated; the approximate time period during which violations occurred; and descriptions of the
24 violations, including the chemicals involved, the routes of toxic exposure, and the specific
25 product or type of product causing the violations, and was issued as follows:

26 a. DEFENDANT was provided a copy of the Notices by Certified Mail.

- 1 b. DEFENDANT was provided a copy with the Notices of a document entitled
2 "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition
3 65): A Summary," which is also known as Appendix A to Title 27 of CCR
4 §25903.
- 5 c. The California Attorney General was provided a copy of the Notices via
6 online submission.
- 7 d. The California Attorney General was provided with a Certificate of Merit
8 for the Notices by the attorney for the noticing parties, stating that there is a
9 reasonable and meritorious case for this action, and attaching factual
10 information sufficient to establish a basis for the certificate, including the
11 identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and the
12 facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons, pursuant to H&S
13 Code §25249.7(h) (2).
- 14 e. The district attorneys, city attorneys or prosecutors of each jurisdiction
15 within which the PRODUCTS are offered for sale within California were
16 provided with a copy of the Notices pursuant to H&S Code § 25249.7(d)(1).

17 11. At least 60-days have elapsed since PLAINTIFF sent the Notices to
18 DEFENDANT. The appropriate public enforcement agencies have failed to commence and
19 diligently prosecute a cause of action under H&S Code §25249.5, *et seq.* against
20 DEFENDANT based on the allegations herein.

21 **PARTIES**

22 12. PLAINTIFF is a non-profit corporation organized under California's
23 Corporation Law. ERC is dedicated to, among other causes, reducing the use and misuse of
24 hazardous and toxic substances, consumer protection, worker safety, and corporate
25 responsibility.

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1 of Regulations ("CCR") § 25102(n.)

2 19. Proposition 65 provides that any "person who violates or threatens to violate" the
3 statute may be enjoined in a court of competent jurisdiction. (H&S Code §25249.7). The phrase
4 "threaten to violate" is defined to mean creating "a condition in which there is a substantial
5 probability that a violation will occur" (H&S Code §25249.11(e)). Violators are liable for civil
6 penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation of the Act. (H&S Code §25249.7.)

7 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

8 20. On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed the chemical lead
9 as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity. Lead became subject to the warning
10 requirement one year later and was therefore subject to the "clear and reasonable" warning
11 requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on February 27, 1988. (27 CCR § 25000, *et seq.*;
12 H&S Code §25249.5, *et seq.*) Due to the high toxicity of lead, the maximum allowable dose
13 level for lead is 0.5 µg/day (micrograms a day) for reproductive toxicity. (27 CCR
14 § 25805(b).)

15 21. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed the chemicals lead
16 and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer. Lead and lead compounds became
17 subject to the warning requirement one year later and were therefore subject to the "clear and
18 reasonable" warning requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on October 1, 1993 (27 CCR §
19 25000, *et seq.*; H&S Code §25249.6 *et seq.*). Due to the carcinogenicity of lead, the no
20 significant risk level for lead is 15 µg/day (micrograms a day). (27 CCR § 25705(b)(1).)

21 22. On May 1, 1997, the State of California listed the chemical cadmium as a
22 chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity. (State of California EPA OEHHA Safe
23 Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 Chemicals Known to the State to
24 Cause Cancer and Reproductive Toxicity.) The MADL for cadmium as a chemical known
25 to cause reproductive toxicity is 4.1 micrograms per day. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, §
26 25805, subd. (b).)

1 23. On October 1, 1987, the State of California listed the chemicals cadmium
2 and cadmium compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer. (State of California EPA
3 OEHHA Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 Chemicals Known to
4 the State to Cause Cancer and Reproductive Toxicity.)

5 24. To test DEFENDANT's PRODUCTS for lead and/or cadmium, PLAINTIFF
6 hired a well-respected and accredited testing laboratory. The results of testing undertaken by
7 PLAINTIFF of DEFENDANT's PRODUCTS show that the PRODUCTS tested were in
8 violation of the 0.5 µg/day for lead and/or 4.1 µg/day for cadmium "safe harbor" daily dose
9 limits set forth in Proposition 65's regulations. Very significant is the fact that people are
10 being exposed to lead and/or cadmium through ingestion as opposed to other not as harmful
11 methods of exposure such as dermal exposure. Ingestion of lead and/or cadmium produces
12 much higher exposure levels and health risks than dermal exposure to these chemicals.

13 25. At all times relevant to this action, DEFENDANT, therefore, has knowingly and
14 intentionally exposed the users and/or handlers of the PRODUCTS to the LISTED
15 CHEMICALS without first giving a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals.

16 26. The PRODUCTS have allegedly been sold by DEFENDANT for use in
17 California since at least April 28, 2014. The PRODUCTS continue to be distributed and
18 sold in California without the requisite warning information.

19 27. On April 28, 2017 and May 26, 2017, ERC served DEFENDANT and each of
20 the appropriate public enforcement agencies with Proposition 65 Notices, a document entitled
21 "Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5" that provided
22 DEFENDANT and the public enforcement agencies with notice that DEFENDANT was in
23 violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn purchasers and individuals using the
24 PRODUCTS that the use of the PRODUCTS exposes them to lead and/or cadmium, chemicals
25 known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity (true and correct
26 copies of the 60-Day Notices are attached hereto as **Exhibits A and B**, respectively and each is

1 incorporated herein by reference).

2 28. As a proximate result of acts by DEFENDANT, as a person in the course of
3 doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11, individuals throughout
4 the State of California, including in the County of Alameda, have been exposed to the LISTED
5 CHEMICALS without a clear and reasonable warning. The individuals subject to the illegal
6 exposures include normal and foreseeable users of the PRODUCTS, as well as all other
7 persons exposed to the PRODUCTS.

8 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **(Injunctive Relief for Violations of Health and Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.* concerning
10 the PRODUCTS described in the April 28, 2017 and May 26, 2017 Prop. 65 Notices)
Against DEFENDANT**

11 29. PLAINTIFF re-alleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 28,
12 inclusive, as if specifically set forth herein.

13 30. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, DEFENDANT, at all times
14 relevant to this action, and continuing through the present, has violated or threatens to violate
15 H&S Code §25249.6 by, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally exposing
16 individuals who use or handle the PRODUCTS set forth in the Notices to the LISTED
17 CHEMICALS, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals
18 pursuant to H&S Code §§ 25249.6 and 25249.11(f).

19 31. By the above-described acts, DEFENDANT has violated or threatens to violate
20 H&S Code § 25249.6 and is therefore subject to an injunction ordering DEFENDANT to stop
21 violating Proposition 65, to provide warnings to all present and future customers, and to
22 provide warnings to DEFENDANT's past customers who purchased or used the PRODUCTS
23 without receiving a clear and reasonable warning.

24 32. An action for injunctive relief under Proposition 65 is specifically authorized by
25 Health & Safety Code §25249.7(a).

26 33. Continuing commission by DEFENDANT of the acts alleged above will

1 irreparably harm the citizens of the State of California, for which harm they have no plain,
2 speedy, or adequate remedy at law.

3 Wherefore, PLAINTIFF prays for judgment against DEFENDANT, as set forth
4 hereafter.

5 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
6 **(Civil Penalties for Violations of Health and Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.* concerning the**
7 **PRODUCTS described in PLAINTIFF's Notices)**
8 **Against DEFENDANT**

9 34. PLAINTIFF re-alleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 33,
10 inclusive, as if specifically set forth herein.

11 35. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, DEFENDANT at all times
12 relevant to this action, and continuing through the present, has violated H&S Code §25249.6
13 by, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals who use
14 or handle the PRODUCTS set forth in the Notices to the LISTED CHEMICALS, without first
15 providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals pursuant to H&S Code §§
16 25249.6 and 25249.11(f).

17 36. By the above-described acts, DEFENDANT is subject, pursuant to H&S Code
18 §25249.7(b), to a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 per day per violation for each unlawful exposure
19 to the LISTED CHEMICALS from the PRODUCTS.

20 Wherefore, PLAINTIFF prays for judgment against DEFENDANT, as set forth
21 hereafter.

22 **THE NEED FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

23 37. PLAINTIFF re-alleges and incorporates by this reference Paragraphs 1 through
24 36, as if set forth below.

25 38. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, DEFENDANT has caused or
26 threatens to cause irreparable harm for which there is no plain, speedy or adequate remedy at
law. In the absence of equitable relief, DEFENDANT will continue to create a substantial risk

1 of irreparable injury by continuing to cause or threatening to cause consumers to be
2 involuntarily and unwittingly exposed to the LISTED CHEMICALS through the use and/or
3 handling of the PRODUCTS.

4 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

5 Wherefore, PLAINTIFF accordingly prays for the following relief:

6 A. a preliminary and permanent injunction, pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(b),
7 enjoining DEFENDANT, its agents, employees, assigns, and all persons acting in concert or
8 participating with DEFENDANT, from distributing or selling the PRODUCTS in California
9 without first providing a clear and reasonable warning, within the meaning of Proposition 65,
10 that the users and/or handlers of the PRODUCTS are exposed to the LISTED CHEMICALS;

11 B. an injunctive order, pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(b), compelling
12 DEFENDANT to identify and locate each individual who has purchased the PRODUCTS since
13 April 28, 2014, and to provide a warning to such person that the use of the PRODUCTS will
14 expose the user to chemicals known to birth defects and other reproductive harm;

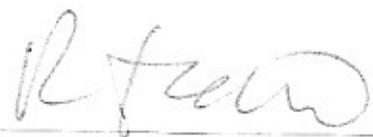
15 C. an assessment of civil penalties pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(b),
16 against DEFENDANT in the amount of \$2,500 per day for each violation of Proposition 65;

17 D. an award to PLAINTIFF of its reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit
18 pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §1021.5, as PLAINTIFF shall specify in further
19 application to the Court; and,

20 E. such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

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22 DATED: December 4, 2017

LAW OFFICE OF RICHARD M. FRANCO

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25 Richard M. Franco
26 Attorney for Plaintiff
Environmental Research Center, Inc.

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EXHIBIT A

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VIA PRIORITY MAIL

District Attorneys of Select California
Counties and Select City Attorneys
(See Attached Certificate of Service)

Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.*

Dear Addressees:

I represent the Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC") in connection with this Notice of Violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, which is codified at California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.* and also referred to as Proposition 65.

ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

The name of the Company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

Maximum Human Performance, LLC dba MuscleMeds, MuscleMeds Performance Technologies, and MuscleMeds, Inc.

The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemicals in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

1. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Carnivor Shred Hydrolyzed Protein Chocolate - Lead**
2. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Methyl Arimatest - Lead**
 - a. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Methyl Arimatest Formula 1**
 - b. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Methyl Arimatest Formula 2**
3. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor Mass Chocolate Macaroon - Lead**
4. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor Mass Chocolate Peanut Butter – Lead, Cadmium**
5. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor Mass Vanilla Caramel - Lead**
6. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor Mass Chocolate Fudge - Lead**
7. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Bioengineered Beef Protein Isolate Carnivor Chocolate - Lead**

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

Cadmium was officially listed as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity and male reproductive toxicity on May 1, 1997, while cadmium and cadmium compounds were listed as chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1987.

This letter is a notice to the Violator and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving the Violator currently known to ERC from the information now available. ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with the copy of this letter to the Violator.

The Violator has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which has exposed and continues to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemicals, lead and/or cadmium. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the recommended use of these products by consumers. The route of exposure to lead and/or cadmium has been through ingestion. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and

April 28, 2017

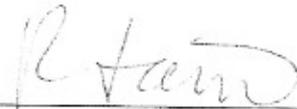
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reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to lead and/or cadmium. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons using and/or handling these products that they are being exposed to lead and/or cadmium. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since April 28, 2014, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users.

Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this notice unless the Violator agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and my client's objectives in pursuing this notice, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals and expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,



Rick Franco

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Maximum Human Performance, LLC dba MuscleMeds, MuscleMeds Performance Technologies, and MuscleMeds, Inc. and its Registered Agents for Service of Process only)

Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

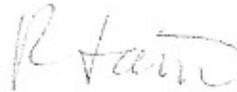
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Maximum Human Performance, LLC dba MuscleMeds, MuscleMeds Performance Technologies, and MuscleMeds, Inc.

I, Rick Franco, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the notice.
4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: April 28, 2017



Rick Franco

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

On April 28, 2017, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties listed below and depositing it in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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On April 28, 2017, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1)** were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice> :

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On April 28, 2017, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** were served on the following parties when a true and correct copy thereof was sent via electronic mail to each of the parties listed below:

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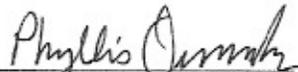
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Executed on April 28, 2017, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.


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Appendix A

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. Please refer to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65law72003.html>. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001.¹ These implementing regulations are available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html>.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Proposition 65 List." Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at:

http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html.

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and

reasonable.” This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Periods. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employs a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses “no significant risk.” This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific “No Significant Risk Levels” (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at:

<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the “no observable effect level” divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at:

<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant² it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;
- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;

- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done *all* of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

- Corrected the alleged violation;
- Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$5B500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and
- Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party.

A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html>.

The notice is reproduced here:

Date: April 28, 2017

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party: Environmental Research Center, Inc.

Address: 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108

Phone number: 619-500-3090

SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

1. **You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form**
2. **The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving this notice**
3. **The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.**
4. **This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.**

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.

Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.
2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

Date: April 28, 2017

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Address: 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108
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PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving this notice.

I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code §25249.6 by (check only one of the following):

- Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises;
- Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placement on my premises; OR
- Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.

Certification

My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penalties under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date

Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

Revised: May 2014

¹ All further regulatory references are to sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations unless otherwise indicated. The statute, regulations and relevant case law are available on the OEHHA website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>.

² See Section 25501(a)(4).

Note: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.7, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.

HISTORY

1. New Appendix A filed 4-22-97; operative 4-22-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 17).
2. Amendment filed 1-7-2003; operative 2-6-2003 (Register 2003, No. 2).
3. Change without regulatory effect renumbering title 22, section 12903 and Appendix A to title 27, section 25903 and Appendix A, including amendment of appendix, filed 6-18-2008 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 2008, No. 25).
4. Amendment filed 11-19-2012; operative 12-19-2012 (Register 2012, No. 47).
5. Amendment of appendix and Note filed 11-19-2014; operative 1-1-2015 (Register 2014, No. 47).

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(See Attached Certificate of Service)

Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.*

Dear Addressees:

I represent the Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC") in connection with this Notice of Violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, which is codified at California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.* and also referred to as Proposition 65.

ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

The name of the Company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

Maximum Human Performance, LLC dba MuscleMeds, MuscleMeds Performance Technologies, and MuscleMeds, Inc.

The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

1. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Anabolic Beef Protein Gainer Carnivor Mass Strawberry - Lead**
2. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Bioengineered Beef Protein Isolate Carnivor Chocolate Mint - Lead**
3. **MuscleMeds Performance Technologies Bioengineered Beef Protein Isolate Carnivor Chocolate Peanut Butter - Lead**

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

This letter is a notice to the Violator and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving the Violator currently known to ERC from the information now available. ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with the copy of this letter to the Violator.

The Violator has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which has exposed and continues to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemical, lead. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the recommended use of these products by consumers. The route of exposure to lead has been through ingestion. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to lead. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons using and/or handling these products that they are being exposed to lead. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since May 26, 2014, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users.

Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this notice unless the Violator agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemical; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65

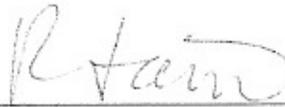
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and my client's objectives in pursuing this notice, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical and expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,



Rick Franco

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Maximum Human Performance, LLC dba MuscleMeds,
MuscleMeds Performance Technologies, and MuscleMeds, Inc. and its Registered
Agents for Service of Process only)

Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

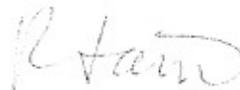
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Maximum Human Performance, LLC dba MuscleMeds, MuscleMeds Performance Technologies, and MuscleMeds, Inc.

I, Rick Franco, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the notice.
4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: May 26, 2017



Rick Franco

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PURSUANT 27 CCR § 25903

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States and over the age of 18 years of age. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

On May 26, 2017 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties listed below and depositing it in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

Current CEO or President
Maximum Human Performance, LLC
dba MuscleMeds, MuscleMeds
Performance Technologies, and
MuscleMeds, Inc.
165 Clinton Road
West Caldwell, NJ 07006

Corporation Service Company
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dba MuscleMeds, MuscleMeds
Performance Technologies, and
MuscleMeds, Inc.'s Registered
Agent for Service of Process)
100 Charles Ewing Boulevard, Suite 160
Princeton South Corporate Center
Ewing, NJ 08628

Corporation Service Company
(Maximum Human Performance, LLC
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Performance Technologies, and
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Wilmington, DE 19808

On May 26, 2017 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1)** were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice> :

Office of the California Attorney General
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

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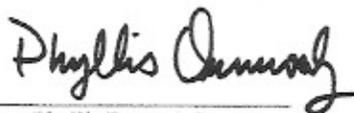
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On May 26, 2017 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto, and depositing it with the U.S. Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on May 26, 2017, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



Phyllis Dunwoody

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San Jose, CA 95113

Appendix A

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. Please refer to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65law72003.html>. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001.¹ These implementing regulations are available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html>.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Proposition 65 List." Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at:

http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html.

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and

reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Periods. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employs a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at:

<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at:

<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant² it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;
- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;

- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done *all* of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

- Corrected the alleged violation;
- Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$5B500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and
- Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party.

A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html>.

The notice is reproduced here:

Date: May 26, 2017

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party: Environmental Research Center, Inc.

Address: 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108

Phone number: 619-500-3090

SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

1. You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form
2. The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving this notice
3. The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.
4. This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.

Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.
2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

Date: May 26, 2017

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party: Environmental Research Center, Inc.
Address: 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108
Phone number: 619-500-3090

PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving this notice.

I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code §25249.6 by (check only one of the following):

- Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises;
- Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placement on my premises; OR
- Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.

Certification

My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penalties under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date

Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@ochha.ca.gov.

Revised: May 2014

¹ All further regulatory references are to sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations unless otherwise indicated. The statute, regulations and relevant case law are available on the OEHHA website at: <http://www.ochha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>.

² See Section 25501(a)(4).

Note: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.7, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.

HISTORY

1. New Appendix A filed 4-22-97; operative 4-22-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 17).
2. Amendment filed 1-7-2003; operative 2-6-2003 (Register 2003, No. 2).
3. Change without regulatory effect renumbering title 22, section 12903 and Appendix A to title 27, section 25903 and Appendix A, including amendment of appendix, filed 6-18-2008 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 2008, No. 25).
4. Amendment filed 11-19-2012; operative 12-19-2012 (Register 2012, No. 47).
5. Amendment of appendix and Note filed 11-19-2014; operative 1-1-2015 (Register 2014, No. 47).

This database is current through 9/18/15 Register 2015, No. 38

27 CCR Appendix A, 27 CA ADC Appendix A